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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing program information, said method comprising:

obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing;

determining a subset of said list of programs comprising programs a subscribed to by a user, the subset excluding programs not subscribed to by said user;

compiling at a content provider device a second list of programs ~~that a user is entitled to receive~~ **comprising said subset; and**

communicating said second list to a remote controller.

2. (Original) The method as described in claim 1 wherein said compiling a second list comprises:

compiling said second list at a set-top box.

3. (Original) The method as described in claim 2 wherein said obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing comprises:

determining said list from cryptographic information for said list of programs.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of providing program information, said method comprising:

obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing by a user;

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communicating said list of programs to a remote controller;

determining a subset of said list of programs comprising programs accessible to said user, the subset excluding programs not accessible to said user;

compiling at said remote controller a second list of programs ~~that said user is entitled to receive~~ comprising said subset; and

displaying said second list of programs on said remote controller.

5. (Original) The method as described in claim 4 and further comprising:

allowing said user to remove channels so as not to appear on said second list of programs.

6. (Original) The method as described in claim 4 and further comprising:

selecting a profile of the user.

7. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:

utilizing said selected profile for said compiling said second list of programs.

8. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:

determining whether a control has been set for said user corresponding to at least one of said programs; and

if said control has been set for said user, removing said control from said second list.

9. (Original) The method as described in claim 8 wherein said control comprises a parental control.

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10. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:

compiling said second list so as not to comprise programs that had been eliminated by said user.

11. (Original) The method as described in claim 6 and further comprising:

compiling said list so as not to comprise programs to which said user does not subscribe.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of providing program information, said method comprising:

obtaining a list of programs offered for viewing;

storing a plurality of user profiles;

selecting at least one of said plurality of user profiles;

utilizing said selected user profile ~~and to identify a subset of~~ said list of programs ~~to compile~~ comprising programs accessible to a user associated with said selected user profile, said subset excluding programs not accessible to said user;

compiling a second list of programs ~~accessible to said user of said selected user profile~~ comprising said subset; and

displaying said second list on ~~said a~~ remote controller.

13. (Original) The method as described in claim 12 and further comprising:

compiling said second list at a set-top box; and

communicating said second list to said remote controller.

14. (Original) The method as described in claim 12 and further comprising:

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compiling said second list with said remote controller.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing program information, said apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a memory coupled to said processor;

a display coupled to said processor;

code operable to obtain a list of programs offered for viewing;

code operable to store a plurality of user profiles;

code operable to select one of said plurality of user profiles;

code operable to utilize said selected user profile and to identify a subset of said list of programs comprising programs subscribed to by a user associated with said selected user profile, said subset excluding programs not subscribed to by said user;

code operable to compile a second list of programs accessible to said user of said selected user profile comprising said subset; and

code operable to display said second list on said display.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 15 and further comprising:

code operable to allow said user to remove a program.

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 15 and further comprising:

code operable to select at least one of said plurality of user profiles.

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18. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

code operable to utilize said profile to compile said second list.

19. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

code operable to utilize parental control settings in compiling said list.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

code operable to compile said second list without programs previously removed by said user.

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus as described in claim 17 and further comprising:

code operable to compile said second list without programs not subscribed to by said user.